

## **CLAIMS**

**What I claim is:**

**1. (Currently amended)**

**A manual apparatus for use by an operator to slice a potato into a uniformly thin continuous spiral slice, the slice for frying as a potato chip with the apparatus functioning to cut the potato slice, with a means for slicing and a means for rotating the potato during cutting and comprising:**

**said means for slicing comprising a cutting element attached to a support element, the support element being attached to a common mounting element;**

**a means for supporting a potato, [[such]] said supporting means being a potato supporting guide assembled in alignment with [[the]] a drive spindle 2 centerline and secured in position by a first lock nut 15, the farthest end of the potato supporting guide being thread connected to the cutting element support and adjusted to contact a**

**forward end of the drive spindle 2 at the end of the slice;**

**said means for rotating the potato comprising a drive support 7 which is attached to the common mounting element, serves as a means for positioning [[the]] a 3/8 - 16 threaded American Standard Uniform Thread-Form drive spindle 2;**

**a means for manual rotation utilizing [[a]] said threaded, American Standard Uniform Thread Form 3/8 -16 thread drive spindle 2, in a clockwise direction, rotating a potato for cutting;**

**a drive nut guide 11 with a drive nut 10 assembled to it, with drive nut 10 internally threaded 3/8 inch 16 thread, American Standard Uniform Thread Form, the drive nut guide 11 positions the drive nut 10 adjacent to the drive spindle 2 and applies manual pressure on the drive nut 10, engages the drive nut 10 threads to the drive**

**spindle 2 threads causing forward motion of the rotating  
drive spindle 2, the drive spindle 2 being assembled  
internal to the drive support 7;**

**a means for driving with a drive element assembled at  
the forward end of the drive spindle 2 and secured by a  
second lock nut 12, the drive element transfers the  
forward and rotary motion of the drive spindle 2 to the  
potato thus forcing it into the cutting element to produce  
a continuous spiral slice;**

**[[a]] the common mounting element as a means for  
attachment of component parts including the cutting  
element support, drive support 7, four support elements,  
and two counter stop elements.**

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